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WHAT PRICE IMURIS?

A REFERENCE to our list of latest quotations in the Hongkong Share Market gives the information desired. This once highly valued scrip, which only a few short months ago, on the strength of flaming official reports from the Board of Directors in London, was boomed up to \$15 per share and predicted to touch the 'half-century' before last Christmas, changed hands yesterday at 75 cents per share and is now on offer at 80 cents. There is a mighty big difference between \$50, the predicted quotation, and 75 cents; and even between 75 cents and \$15, to big purchasers at the last named rate the difference must amount to considerable sums. How is this latest and almost final "drop" to be explained? Nothing easier. The last French mail brought us a report of the proceedings at the meeting held on April 11th, and that was sufficient to blast the hopes of the most sanguine believers in the latest treasure-trove fostered under the paternal wing of "ye princely house," and to drive the last nail in the coffin of disappointed hopes. The remarks of Mr. JAMES WHITALL, the energetic Chairman of the Company, at the meeting in question, to intelligent men of business can bear only one construction. It is painfully palpable from the beginning to the conclusion of his speech that the main object of the liquidation and the construction of a new company in order to obtain an additional sum of \$50,000 from the shareholders, is to get funds to repay the \$50,000 stated to have been advanced by friends interested in the mines without any security beyond the claim of ordinary debtors. Had this loan never existed, or had it not been made by "friends interested in the mines," we think it probable that the shareholders would have been spared any further plaintive appeals for additional funds, and that the sham liquidation would have been real, final and complete. Mr. JAMES WHITALL is a well-known character in the commercial history of Hongkong; his connection with the once mighty, but now, alas! greatly deteriorated house of JARDINE's must be fresh in the memories of hundreds of old residents, and his unsupported expressions of confidence, his repeated assurances, his apologetic explanations, and his sanguine anticipations will be taken for what they are worth; and in our opinion they are next door to worthless. Thirty thousand pounds sterling are wanted to repay the obliging "friends interested in the mines," and twenty thousand additional to provide the cost of further experiments at San Imuris; there is but a scanty prospect of London shareholders being induced to throw good money after bad, and so the already closely shorn lambs of the Far East are urgently invited to submit to a clean shave. The game is altogether too shallow to succeed, and in face of the very suggestive facts that JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co. have dropped the Company's agency in Hongkong, like a hot potato, and that Mr. J. J. KERRICK is credited with blaming the London Directorate for all the trouble that has arisen, it is scarcely probable that Hongkong and Shanghai will largely contribute towards the much-to-be-desired \$50,000. With Imuris shares on the local market at 80 cents, the plausible inducement of a consideration of fifteen shillings paid up on every old share whose owner pays five shillings extra is hardly worth a ray of hope, and only excites derisive smiles among the initiated on the Rialto. The Imuris Mines, Limited, have had a short career and a merry one; but in the Far East, at Hongkong and Shanghai especially, their effects have been far-reaching, and ruinous to nearly all concerned. This wild-cat venture will doubtless be decently buried before long; but during this generation it will be sadly remembered by its numerous victims.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA.

LONDON, May 20th.

An expedition under Colonel Scott will leave Lagos on Thursday to operate against the Jobos and Egbas tribes, who are found to be stopping the trade.

ITALY'S NEW PREMIER.

King Humbert has charged Signor Giolitti, who was Minister of the Treasury in Signor Crispi's Cabinet, to form a Ministry.

May 12th.

Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in replying to an important deputation of bi-metallists who waited on him, said that the Government, without committing themselves to any principle, accepted the invitation of the United States Government to the conference to consider the increased use of silver money. He further said that the Government would bear in mind the views and interests of India, and he trusted that the conference would go far enough so as to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the vexed silver question.

THE INTERNATIONAL SILVER CONFERENCE.

May 12th.

It is believed at Washington that England having accepted the invitation of the United States Government to the conference will lead to other Powers following the same course. It is stated that Italy and Austria have already decided to be represented.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"The Chinese Blockade of Hongkong" is unavailing held over.

H.M.S. Rattler left Singapore for Hongkong, via Labuan, on the 12th inst.

The Russian ironclad Vladimir Monomach left Singapore for Cronstadt on the 12th inst.

H.M.S. Alacrity, with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Fremantle on board, left Amoy for Shanghai on the 14th inst.

The latest news from Pahang is that another escort has been fired on between Raub and Tras, and a Sikh killed.

The Ralah "Upon my word, I think I've gone through every experience except hanging." Slave—"Cheer up; that may come yet."

STRANGER—"I would like to see your bill collector a moment." Editor—"Certainly; John, show the gentleman that shot-gun."

"WHERE are you going, my pretty maid?" "I am going to sneeze, kind sir," she said. "To sneeze? At whom, my pretty maid?" "I'm going to sneeze—'a-chew' I say."

ACCORDING to German authorities more than 200,000 copies of Eugen Richter's "Social-Democratic Pictures of the Future," have been sold since its publication a short time ago.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

AMONGST recent promotions in the Royal Naval Reserve we note that Mr. F. G. Monahan, chief officer of the Empress of Japan, now in port, has been raised to Lieutenant in that important and deservedly popular Force.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch Day Spring will call alongside vessels holding coast pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

CHICAGO'S Literary Atmosphere.—"We should like an article from your pen," wrote a Boston editor to a literary friend in Chicago; but the literary friend's brother received the letter, and he forthwith sent by express a hog weighing 600 pounds.

His Excellency the Governor of Macao, accompanied by Senhora de Borja, came over to Hongkong in the Heungshan on Thursday and returned to Macao by the same steamer yesterday afternoon. They put up during their short stay at the Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—

Polka—"Now and Then".....London.
Quadrille—"Paddy's".....Dorset.
Schottische—"La Cigale".....Cote.
Lancers—"The Merry Dancers".....Cote.
Waltz—"The Merry Dancers".....Cote.

Rejoice, ye hapless shareholders in "busted" companies who built grand castles in the air and pictured to yourselves a degree of splendour and affluence surpassed only by the good old monarchs of Egypt, for it was gravely asserted by two of our City Fathers, when coming out of the Cathedral last Sunday, that "Hongkong is not dead, but only sleeping."

A VERY interesting pair of natural corals will be on view at the Victoria Hotel (Room No. 7) next Monday from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. They are a fully developed specimen of the Microstaphylus (which should especially interest medical men and scientific students generally), and an orang-outang from North Borneo. The novelty of this exhibition to Hongkong residents should attract numerous sightseers, especially Chinese who have never previously seen anything of the kind.

The Peking Gazette doubts the earnestness of the Sultan of Pahang in moving against the rebels there, and looks forward to the Straits Government intervening with a strong hand. It says—"The country must be pacified in one way or other, and the murders that have been committed must be atoned for. We regret that Sir Cecil Smith persists with an obstinacy which, as regards the want of energy shown, is characterized by a Singapore paper as 'a strange paralysis of will and judgment.' In his treatment of the Pahang trouble, we regret that his Excellency will not see that he is on a variable and a costly track, the end of which no one can foresee. But since his Excellency persists in his reasoning, prefers force to diplomacy, let him hit with effect this time. Let there be no more empty parades, and if the Sultan will not do what is necessary let the Government do it for him and replace him by a more amenable puppet."

The British North Borneo steamer Sandakan, Captain Sheppard, has changed its name to Sri Takra and will in future sail under the Lombok flag.

CAPTAIN FAUCUS, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s steamer Seward Osborne, died suddenly at Singapore on the morning of the 14th instant, from what is believed to have been heart disease. The deceased was well known in the Far East, having been out here for the past nine or ten years.

THE Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer Phra Nang started on her maiden trip across the North Pacific this afternoon, carrying a goodly number of European and Chinese passengers, in addition to a satisfactory general cargo, which augurs well for the permanent success of the Northern Pacific Co.'s Hongkong-Tacoma line.

A CONSIDERABLE number of "Hongkong's Own" were sighted in the city yesterday. They were attired in *mufti* and were conspicuous for an absence of stockings or socks. But they are a fine-looking body of men, and when drilled into shape will make a formidable second line of defence for "the Malls and Gibraltar of the East."

A FREE advertisement for our good friends the shareholders of the Steamboat Co. The *Honam* will leave Macao for Hongkong to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Had this little notice been issued yesterday, the *Honam* would probably have had twenty-five additional first-class passengers for the Holy City this afternoon.

ADVICES from Calcutta inform us that the irrepressible Stanley and his celebrated "Anful" are playing to crowded houses at the Theatre Royal there. The lady known in Willard's Opera Company as Miss Clavis Denver, and who was exceptionally popular in Hongkong, is now leading light with Stanley and has been most favourably criticized by the Calcutta press.

We are in possession of a life-like sketch of our recently departed friend "Tack" of Teluk, obtained at an immense sacrifice of time and trouble—but, sad to relate, there is not a Chinese in the colony capable of cutting a decent block. We must import an artist in this line of business from Japan, to illustrate our projected series of articles on "Men we have met in Hongkong."

"WOOLING an Amah," a blood-curdling tale from real life by the talented author of "Tidley, the Barber," etc., etc., will be found in another issue of this paper. We had to mortgage an old overcoat in order to obtain the where-withal to pay the exorbitant fee demanded for this original novel, but as the hot weather must be nigh we don't mind the sacrifice in the interests of our numerous readers. Note for "Granny"—we have not put on our dress with the bustle in front.

A CASE of rape was tried at the Police Court yesterday. The accused, a Chinese, was charged with rape in the capital charge, one of the worst offences known in English law, and naturally the accused person was acquitted. Where was the Crown Solicitor? Nowhere; but it is an established rule in Hongkong that charges of rape are not recognized by the Executive, and a policeman is quite enough to act as Government Prosecutor. This is true, it may be explicable, but it certainly is infamous, and ought to be reformed.

AN Amoy correspondent writes:—"In this place at present we are all healthy, hungry and hard-up. The Hongkong financial world governs Amoy, and the general collapse of supposed 'good things' at your port has reduced about two score excellent fellows to the verge of insolvency. Luckily for most of them, they are not *infants* but talented men, and consequently are not entirely broken up, although they are, dangerously near. Patience and perseverance, *waiter*, the black clouds of to-day, will bring things round by and by, and we can only strive our hardest and hope for 'better times.'

What's this we hear? That our great and good-like Amateur military authority has been fixing up, in the usual Hongkong snobbish fashion (confiding the affair to a select few) a complimentary dinner to the officers of the Hongkong Regiment! I surely can't be true! If so, it is in wretchedly bad form. If "Our Very Own," who are reported to be a set of first-class officers and thorough gentlemen, are to be banqueted as a formal introduction to Hongkong society, the entertainment should be of a public character, as possible, and not a mere mutual admiration show got up to gratify personal vanity by half-a-dozen shallow-brained "toffs" of the bustled persuasion. It is to be hoped that the officers of the Hongkong Regiment will decline this sort of second-class patronage.

It would be interesting to know why information of the inquiry held at Chung-chow by the Kowloon Committee of Chinese Customs into the alleged seizure of two junks in British waters by a Customs launch, and at which the Harbour Master and Registrar General represented the Hongkong Government, was not sent to the local press in order that the proceedings, so interesting to the Hongkong commercial community, should be made public. And further, we should like to be informed on what grounds it was deemed advisable to send two British representatives to an informal and utterly illegal inquiry, held in Chinese waters, by a man sided over by an English Commissioner of Chinese Customs who is not in any sense a recognized Chinese judicial officer, on a piratical outrage committed in British waters! The next thing we shall know, unless decisive steps are at once taken to stop this nonsense, will be the Supreme Court of Hongkong handed over to the Chinese Customs, with the Hon. "Alphabet" O'Brien as chief Celestial cook and bottle-warmer. The *Telegraph* has taken to the war-path on this important issue without further delay.

At the recent Birmingham Assizes, in an action for libel by a local solicitor against the proprietor of the *Birmingham Daily Mail*, it was alleged that defendants had libelled the plaintiff by putting the heading "Serious Allegations against a Solicitor" to a report of proceedings against him in the County Court. The libel case was tried by a jury, and Mr. Justice Denman gave judgment for plaintiff for one shilling without costs, on the ground that though a libel had been published, it was so trivial that no action should have been brought. In giving this judgment, his lordship said he did it on the ground that he thought the heading of the article was unnecessarily offensive to a solicitor, whatever his conduct might be. It was calling attention to a thing to which it was not desirable attention should be called in that way. It was making a sensational paragraph out of an everyday case, and his lordship added: "I should like really to say that I think newspapers would be very much more readable, and very much more reliable, if they would almost say, if the thing that was contained was not coloured by a preparatory announcement or by an attempt to abbreviate, by slightly stronger language, the result of the thing which comes afterwards to be reported."

A CONSIGNMENT, through cargo to Swatow, of Straits animals, three in number, arrived here from Singapore in the Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Wingang* this morning. They were promptly taken charge of by the police, who forwarded them on to Swatow by the *Perseus* this afternoon.

MR. PETRIE, an officer of the Royal Naval Reserve who has lately been going through a course of gunnery instruction on board H.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel*, met with a somewhat serious accident last evening. At about half past nine o'clock he was leaning against a lamp-post on Pedder's Wharf, when he suddenly slipped and fell backwards on to the landing stage below, and was picked up insensible. The police were immediately on the spot, and an ambulance being sent for, the unfortunate officer was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, where it was discovered that two of his ribs were broken.

THE proprietors of Harman's Circus are negotiating in Shanghai for the purchase of the den of Bengal tigers which, it will be remembered, were purchased from Mr. Chialan some three years ago for \$6,000 by the syndicate who started that great failure the Chinese Gardens. The present owner of the tigers, we believe, is Mr. Cho, ex-comprador to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire—who got the sack the other day by order of Mr. Edwin Mackintosh, after twenty-five years' service, for some alleged default in connection with sugar—and as he has no further use for these poor Messrs. Harman will doubtless secure them a rare bargain. The Circus, by the way, continues to do capital business in Shanghai.

THE Sydney *Bulletin* says that "the numerous Australian law-students, who are 'leading dinners' in London to qualify for the English bar, are 'much disheartened' at the new Victorian Alienation Act, under which a solicitor is virtually also a barrister and a barrister is additionally a solicitor."

If a certificate of call to the English bar is no longer sufficient in quality for admission to the Victorian bar, the students hold it in waste of time to come home to study, as it is equally, but infinitely better, to be called in the first instance to a colonial bar.

HEAR, hear. If the Victorian Act effects no other result than the establishment of an independent Australian bar, that seeks no foreign imprimatur, we shall have much to be thankful for.

In the Board of Trade Returns for the three months ended March 31st it is stated—"We are getting a good deal of gold from China, the amount being \$44,000 for the quarter, or nearly four times as much as last year in the same period." This is puzzling, and we should really like to know from what quarter all this gold was exported. Of course we are aware that several millions of dollars have been transferred from this Colony and the Coast Ports of China to London to cover purchases of shares in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Imuris Mines, Ltd., and the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits; but that would hardly explain the remarkable increase in the export of gold. Can anyone explain for the information of the public?

The following are some of the general rules for considering woman grammatically, as laid down by a reverend lecturer in the United States:—

"As a noun she is in the objective case."

"As a pronoun she stands for herself."

"As a verb, imperative mood, present tense, when she desires you to serve her, but subjunctive mood and future tense when you ask her to marry you."

"As an adjective she is in the superlative degree."

"As a conjunction she is a failure, for her sentences are not connected."

"As an exclamation—perennial."

"I cannot say she is an adverb, for she does not modify anything."

"As an article, indefinite, but worth the world to any man."

"I love her in any mood or case, especially the indolent mood and possessive case, but always in the feminine gender."

WE received a letter a few days ago from a lady correspondent on the subject of the colours which the patrician ladies of Hongkong are said to be wearing for "Our Own Regiment," which we did not publish because it had previously appeared in the *Daily Press*. If publication in the *Telegraph* is not sufficient to give any grievance all the publicity required, then we have lived and struggled in vain through many years of storm and tempest. But all the same we quite agree with our correspondent's views as to the presumption of a select few, aiming at notoriety, claiming to represent the ladies of Hongkong, in what certainly would, if properly managed, prove a popular movement. Who are "the ladies of Hongkong," who have elected themselves to that representative position, and are providing the colours for "Our Own Regiment"? A function of this sort ought to have been public in every way, and open to the entire female population; and it is undoubtedly a piece of insolence on the part of any particular set to arrogate to themselves rights and privileges which cannot be maintained and to which they have not the shadow of a claim. If there is a hole-and-corner humbug in connection with these colours, we shall be under the painful necessity of dealing with it on its bare merits when a fitting opportunity arrives; besides it will prove interesting to the public generally to know who "the ladies" of Hongkong actually are.

"UNLIMITED SHAREHOLDERS IN A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY."

The above heading, says a writer in the *Sydney Herald*, may appear to be a paradox. "How?" it will be asked, "can the shareholders in a limited liability company (assuming it to be properly constituted) be in the position of persons having shares in an unlimited concern?" The reply is easy, viz., by Act of Parliament. And although this particular Act only on the English Statute-book, yet it might, and probably would, apply to Colonial banks registered in England. The statute in question is called "The Companies Act, 1879," and was passed just after the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank. It provides that the liabilities of shareholders of a bank of issue registered "as a limited company" is unlimited as regards its *note issue*. The provisions of this Act have just been applied to the shareholders of the lately defunct English Bank of the River Plate, Limited, by the official liquidator. "This gentleman," has considered it necessary to recommend the making of a call of 2/6 per share in excess of the nominal balance of £100 on the shares. We believe that the present is the first occasion on which the special powers conferred by the Act have been brought into use, and we can well understand that the unfortunate shareholders consider that the step has come upon them "as a surprise," and one of anything but an agreeable character.

A CHINESE RAPE CASE.

A SINGAPORE MATTER IN TROUBLE.

Wong Li-yen, the pretty little eighteen-year-old wife of a Chinese doctor residing in Station Street, appeared before Mr. Hastings at the Police Court yesterday, and charged Chan Ahn with having committed a rape on her on the 13th instant.

Inspector Hennessy watched the case on behalf of the Police and Mr. H. L. Denney defended. The complainant described how she was seized upon by him and indecently assaulted at 2.30 in the afternoon of the day named. The defendant lodged in a room at the house, and also did a number of other people. One being discovered in the defendant's room, after shouting for help, she was beaten by her mother, who was exceedingly angry with her for getting into such trouble.

Cross-examined—The defendant came into our house a little after 2 o'clock. I had been about five minutes in the kitchen, boiling water to get the tea. My mother was very angry with me about being raped. It was the neighbour who said the defendant had to pay up something to square the matter. At first they said \$20, afterwards \$30. I desired the defendant to be arrested because he didn't pay \$3 demanded as compensation (great laughter in Court, amidst which the maiden commenced to weep copiously).

By the Court—My mother's friend was willing to take the \$3 from the defendant.

Chan Ahn said—I am a cook, and was lately employed on the steamer *Polaris* as a substitute. I got ten cents a day. That was at the end of last year. I have been living at 17 Upper Station Street for about ten days with the defendant. Defendant's wife went out at noon on the day in question with a girl, and came back at 6 p.m. Defendant is a preventive officer who is absent from his house a good deal, both at night and in the daytime. On the day in question the defendant came home very late and to get to his room passed the door of my room. I didn't see the complainant pass my door, and she went to the complainant's room. I didn't hear any unusual noise, except such as might be heard a couple of rooms away. It was the girl's voice that I heard. The noise was like that of a young woman crying. I didn't hear any cries of "save life." I got up and called the complainant's mother. I could distinguish the difference between the sobbing of the defendant's wife and the complainant weeping. I told the mother that her daughter seemed to be crying in the defendant's room. My reason for calling for the mother was not that I wanted \$30; and I did not try to make the defendant pay me \$30 because I caught him with a married woman. I heard a dispute between the girl's father and defendant about money. I did not take the defendant's trousers and coat off or bind his hands behind his back. I had nothing to do with the subsequent proceedings; but simply reported the matter to the father, and that was all I did. The father and mother of the girl opened the defendant's room door and caught the girl there. I heard that complainant was a married woman.

Chan Ahn, mother of the complainant, deposed—While asleep on the 13th inst. I heard my daughter calling out "save life!" She was in the next room, so I went and broke open the door. I found her putting on her trousers—one leg was in and one out. In a minute she managed to put on her trousers. The defendant and no trousers on, and he was hiding when I entered the room. The last witness called me up out of my sleep, and said "My daughter is in that room crying out 'save life!'" The defendant gave me the blanket produced, as well as the joss-papers, etc., which it covers. My son-in-law came to see me prior to going to the country. The father asked the girl to go and make tea, and I also asked her to do so. I did so when I awoke after 3 o'clock. I don't want to say anything more. My flat consists of eleven rooms, all of which are occupied. For days I was in a swoon and so really don't know what happened. My husband didn't stir the defendant's trousers and coat off and demand of him \$30. I saw nothing of a *lung* on the occasion of the rape. I thought it was a shameful affair for a married woman to be caught in such a fix, so I beat her. I beat her because she was ravished against her will. I was very angry. At the time I knew it was a case of rape.

By the Court—The doctor and father of the complainant, mainly corroborated his wife's evidence. He said he heard no row, but discovered his daughter in defendant's room after hearing that some improperly was taking place. On going into the room he found the defendant with his trousers off and in a compromising position. He could not positively swear that a rape was actually committed, but defendant was certainly trying to commit an outrage the girl's trousers were slightly torn.

Cross-examined—The witness quite positive defendant was lying in undue proximity to his daughter on his bed. When defendant's wife came back from a walk on the day in question she protested against her husband paying anything to "square" the matter. She said "they are a pair and I'll bring a charge against you of falsely charging my husband." When a *lung* came in to arrest defendant, witness wouldn't allow him to effect the arrest because he thought it was a "constable" might be bribed to let accused escape, so awaited the arrival of a detective.

Chinese Detective No. 143, said—At 4.45 p.m. on the 13th inst. a man called

A DOLLAR A COLUMN.

"TELEGRAPH" STORIES
BY THE
COMBINED GENIUS
OF THE
GREATEST MEN ON EARTH.

FIFTH NOVELLETTE.

"Chair!" Chair! No, I never want a chair!
When I want to travel anywhere,
My turn-out would make a mummy stare
Everything is *à la mode*!

Then it's—
"Oh, my!" All the people cry,
"Who's got to meet, Bill?"
"Ave you bought the street, Bill?"
We catch everybody's eye—
Knocked 'em in the Bowen Road!

You just order see the uniforms—
Talk of Shirts and Suits and (jackets)
Great as forty bloomers (underwear)—
Handsome than ever showed.

Then it's—
"Oh, my!" All the people cry,
When I take my chair out,
You should hear the folks shout,
"Great Scott! I don't do it high!"
Knocked 'em in the Bowen Road!

WOOLING AN AMAH.

A STORY OF HONGKONG LIFE.

PART I.

Bowen Road, Hongkong, affords probably the prettiest walk in the civilised part of the Far East, some of the surroundings really deserving to be called grand. Winding away up the hillside, hilly and in a flow of a sylvan glen, emerging on a bold and frowning precipice, holding its course in stately lines along tall, graceful ridges, looking down a long distance to the sea, the road is a most beautiful one. The noise and tumult is but a strange, discordant hum when heard a thousand feet above; looking out on the placid blue waters, dotted with dozens of ocean steamers and myriads of microscopic sampans, crawling about like ants that could be all crushed with a single boulder dislodged from the overhanging cliffs—Bowen Road abounds in scenes such as can be found in probably no other place on earth.

One afternoon in October, when the hot, wet, south-west monsoon was already giving way to the clear, refreshing breeze of the incipient north-east, when the trees and tall fern-palms were changing from all shades of green to their winter garb of brown and red and yellow, when the hills of Kowloon stood out harder and more forbidding than ever, in sharp contrast to the brilliant blue of the water below and the white-flecked sky above, when the beetles cease their clumsy flights, and "scooters" let you rest—on such a day, Sweeney Brackbridge and Laura Patten were slowly sauntering along Bowen Road, on a walk to Tatum Tuk, followed at a convenient distance by a dozen chair-coolies, in motley garb, and an amah in sober attire of shiny black. For Mr. Patten, after living a quarter of a century in this life of fragrant streams and ceaseless "scandals," would never let his daughter walk out without an escort four times his own length.

Whereas it was necessary on these little excursions with Sweeney to the "Chinese" to keep the "lady" in the corner of the eye, for the amah to be in a position to be ready to take her up in a moment's notice, Laura and Sweeney were in a position to be ready to take her up in a moment's notice, for the amah to be in a position to be ready to take her up in a moment's notice.

Arm in arm—to put it mildly—Laura and he walked along, talking of nothing very startling, but wholly absorbed in conversation. Suddenly they dropped each other and stood a yard apart, like two pugilists when "time" is called.

"Here's your boy, Sweeney—what is he here for? You don't tell him to come!"
"No, of course—what time, Hop?"
"Key," said On a Hop, handing a bunch of office keys.

"All right, go home," said Brackbridge, suppressing his displeasure until he should have a quiet tête-à-tête with the boy. Then, to his companion, when the boy had gone, "All ad excuse, of course," to come round and chin-chin the amah. He knows I don't want the keys, and I shall have to remind him vigorously. What made it worse was that he came sneaking up this mean little single-path, from Wanchai I suppose, and started to cough."

"Didn't even rustle the bushes to let one know he was coming to burst through on us," replied Laura, in comical disgust. "Like coming into a room without knocking."

So they resumed their walk, discussing things in general. Among other things, they talked of personal prospects. Old Patten was a prosperous merchant, who rather objected to these two young people being so friendly. He did not at all like these close friendships, and he was not at all sure that they were otherwise than a source of trouble. He intended that the girl should go her little best, in a matrimonial way, to consolidate an alliance which he was working to secure commercially between himself and another prominent merchant. So far he had said nothing of this scheme, only manoeuvring quietly without any idea of the girl having made other arrangements.

Still, he discouraged Brackbridge sufficiently to form a social and literary circle in the conversation of the two as they walked towards Tatum. There was no Mrs. Patten to discuss, and the young man's parents were soon disposed of. Mrs. Brackbridge did not interfere with her son much, because she couldn't—he never gave her a chance, while the Colonel, his father, was a thorough soldier who believed in letting the boy manage himself, and who only criticised his conduct in the matter of debts. Both would be glad to see Sweeney married, owing to the popular superstition that marriage "settles a man," and makes him better than his nature otherwise allows him to be.

towards the path from the woods above. But what? Tigers were not known away from the mainland. What was it then? It must be something to be afraid of, for the two drew closer as they tried to see through the thicket. If only it strength, they tried to be simply slightly.

"D—! I mean, that boy again! Oh, won't I reason with him when we get home!" And Sweeney left Laura and advanced a step or two to the boy, who was now on the path, with the amah in tow, both looking as composed and matter-of-fact as yellow waxworks.

"Why did you not go home?" began Sweeney, in a towering rage.

"Ought" said the boy, and at once marched off homewards, as if this were a new idea, which he proceeded to carry out with that pleased look which Chinese boys alone can assume, making tardy obedience look prompt.

His master refrained from calling him back, mentally fixing the interest on his punishment at ten per cent per minute. The amah explained that her handkerchief had blown away, and they had been looking for it. As proof, she produced the handkerchief.

Laura could not help laughing at the audacity of this excuse and at the wondrous simplicity with which this convincing evidence was put forward. There was the handkerchief, and there was no getting over it. "After that," said Sweeney, "who shall say mining prospectors can lie?" Then the procession resumed its course.

PART II.

When Lieut. Brackbridge asked Mr. Patten to become his father-in-law, the refusal was decisive even to incivility, diminished only a little by the astonishment of the merchant. There was no scene; gaily and scornfully Mr. Patten said he certainly could not think of any such thing. Lieut. Brackbridge must in future consider himself a perfect stranger to the Pattens, and any breach of this direction would be met with extreme measures. Boy, show the gentleman out—g' morning!

So that was the end of it all. Too indignant to collect his thoughts, Sweeney stamped down the stairs, and almost fell over Mr. On a Hop, who sprang up from where he was squatting at the bottom like an indignant frog. Headless of him, Brackbridge stalked away, revolving in his mind all the vocabulary of imprecations at his command. Away, anywhere, to work off this excitement by violent exertion! Away!—no, not that way, the scene of so many happy dreams in the past that was now so sternly shut out—away, away from thoughts of anger that could find no outlet. Oh, for a fight with somebody!

Then came a quiet, gasping whisper, "Can make oillight!" It was the boy Hop, who had been used to keeping up with his master, and had managed to get off what he wanted to say.

"What?"
"That pigdin can make oillight, blong Missa Patten."

"Why—why, you—what do you know about it?"

"Can see, can savvy."

The startling diversion at once took Brackbridge's mind from his ire, and he stopped, to see what was going on. He might as well have been deaf, for the Celestial explained that he knew all about the affair. He was friendly with Missa Patten's amah, and he had eyes of his own. By some mysterious means he could "work the oracle" and bring old Patten to reason. Missa Brackbridge better not too much so.

Then On a Hop disappeared, leaving his lord and master perplexed beyond expression, hoping not at all, but wondering greatly. Intelligible he often happened, Brackbridge's calls for the boy were answered by a strange mental, for the real Hop was (also as had often happened) squatting in Patten's compound, *vis à vis* with the amah.

Consequent on this visit, that estimable female, who was in the habit of occasionally astonishing her mistress by conversing long and intelligently on subjects of which no Chinese woman is expected to know anything, watched her opportunity for a diplomatic move, with Miss Laura in reference to the resumption of friendly relations with Brackbridge. About a week after this interview with "Pa," when the girl had almost ceased to feel any great interest in the defunct romance with Sweeney (as some girls do in a very short time), the amah one morning found occasion to mention that prices of various things were becoming unduly high, and trouble was expected in business circles. Having with some difficulty put this fact into intelligible English, she went on to tell of a friend of hers (purly imaginary, by the way) who foresaw trouble, ahead, and who had prudently turned over most of his available assets to his son-in-law, so that if disaster should come to him, the money would be safe.

Laura was not much interested in this; but when the amah proceeded to hint that Mr. Patten might find it useful to do likewise, if he had a son-in-law, Laura began to think. She did not give the amah credit for intending deliberately to cause any definite effect of that sort, but all the same it occurred to her that she might move her father to take Brackbridge into the family as a business prospect. She flattered herself that this brilliant inspiration was her own, and was sure of success. There were many people who in this manner adopted the ideas of others so thoroughly that they believe them their own.

Not waiting to prepare the ground, or to choose a favourable opportunity, Laura put to her father, the day after, the question of a high and most soon drop, and that his speculations might just possibly cost him dear. He admitted that possibility, doubting of course its probability, and asked what she knew about it anyhow? Playing her trump card, she asked to be allowed to marry Sweeney, and to take over—nominally, at any rate—a considerable portion of the estate which would come to her on her father's death. She was not at all sure that she was not a little bit of a fortune teller, and she was not at all sure that she was not a little bit of a fortune teller, and she was not at all sure that she was not a little bit of a fortune teller.

She left the room at once, in tears of course, and Mr. Patten was relieved to have her away. For speculations had already been going against him, and he had been staring off the evil day by uncomfortably risky methods. In the hope that Brackbridge would join him and help him, he had been in the habit of making a little little side swing, the Brackbridge incident was more than a tide.

To make a long story short, Laura did "make up her mind to it," and without any great wrench of heart-string she concluded that after all it was for the best. She consented to become Mrs. Brackbridge, and the first outsider to hear of it was poor Brackbridge. Almost needless to say, the news came to him through the boy Hop, who was in the habit of keeping up with his master, and had managed to get off what he wanted to say.

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The lieutenant cared not. He had hardly thought twice about the boy's previous utterance, which now came back to his memory, and only vexed him more. What did On a Hop know about English people's business? Why didn't he mind his own? And Brackbridge was exceedingly unkind to the boy.

Hop, however, took it all calmly, and got out of the way as soon as he could escape. Of course, the poor fellow would not believe him, after the last failure; of course, nobody but a Hop knew all about it. But he would show them all!

So the new and powerful combination, McFarlane and Patten, appeared in the commercial world of Hongkong; a new pair of lovers also, McFarlane and Patten, appeared in Bowen Road; and soon, a new wedding announcement with the "Glasgow" and "Manchester" papers, please copy! Laura seemed happy enough, but rightly obeyed the order of banishment against the forsaken Sweeney (pun unintentional). Often they met, as strangers, and the more he saw, the more he felt that she was heartless, and that he ought not to care. But he did care.

PART III.

All this while "Brer Hop he lay low." About a quarter of his time was given to his master, a quarter to the fair Li Choi, the amah of his heart, and the rest to the Chinese speech. As he was a man of mysterious conversations with an unknown, whom he called his "brother," and who seemed to meet him at all hours, in all places, as by the merest but strangest chance, yet always had business of pressing importance and quite painful secrecy to impart to him.

One morning, before most of the business people were awake, there was an excited meeting of four Chinese conspirators in a filthy little room of a tenement house in Taling-shan. The chief conspirator was a small, thin man, with a cunning face, whose ostensible business was that of solicitor's clerk, but who made nine-tenths of his money by a sort of secret detective business partly in connection with the police, who regarded him as a useful and trusty informer; partly in connection with the dishonest section of the community, who called him simply a wonderful man, and king of rogues; but wholly on his own account, to do whatever he liked with the great but not power to make the most money he could by any means.

The other three in the cabal were Li Choi, On a Hop, and his "brother." They discussed McFarlane, Patten, & Co. Said the amah—"I know the Missis is going away soon, for a brother of our house cooie is chit-bearer in a shipping office, and brought the chit. Also I know she is taking \$80,000 away secretly, for I saw it done among her dresses. She would not let me know, so of course I found it out."

Ab Hop broke in; to assure the great man that the amah was thoroughly trustworthy. "Well," said the legal man, "it is clear that the Hong is in great danger, for one of the clerks told me that Patten had taken all the books home, to investigate, as he said, and make sure that all was right; and the same man told me that the books were all altered while in Patten's house. The Hong is \$140,000 in debt, which it cannot pay, and will lose soon. I have a claim, which I must have paid, or they shall not have a cent left."

Ab Hop's brother, who had been quiet all through the conversation, now lifted up his voice—"It was deep enough in all conscience—and spake, saying 'Very good, my duty as a detective is plain; we must stop all this.'"

"If you stop it, fool, or if you let the police hear, I shall only get a share in the break-up, with the rest of the creditors—ten per cent, perhaps."

"And I not?"

"All six hundred or more."

The detective looked at him very hard, without speaking; but he was understood. The solicitor's clerk went on—

"And then I will be able to reward my friends."

"Yes. How much?"

"Well, I am a poor man, with a great position to maintain; I always deal most liberally with those who serve me; I would like to give you ten dollars, though I could not be sure."

"Oh, then we may as well let the law take its course," said the detective, with the pompous air of a London bobby, rising to go.

At this there was a shout from the rest, and Ab Hop pulled him back into his seat (on the floor). Negotiations began again from the very first, and after talking about two hours, wrangling over a dollar or two, breaking up the meeting and beginning again, at last it was agreed that the detective was to get twenty dollars and any nothing. He agreed (naturally) to take his money and then, after a few threats of exposure, while the solicitor's clerk decided, almost inwardly, not to pay him any, but to bluff him as best he could. Such is life!

It was now breakfast time, and the four dispersed. Later in the day, startling rumours got about. Nobody believed, but everybody repeated them. Patten was arrested on a charge of forgery and embezzlement; McFarlane had bolted, with all the money he could lay his hands on, and his home was pretty well empty. As before, the first to hear of this was Lieut. Brackbridge. This time he could not help believing, for it was soon all over the town. Everybody remembered having predicted it some time ago, and everybody—almost, that is—said it served the rascals right.

At the trial it came out that Patten had been falsifying his books for a long time, and had been put to all sorts of devices which he thought were concealing his actions, and that the matter was watched by the clerk, who carefully looked over the books and made a memorandum of every alteration he could find. The detective and his brother, On a Hop, had known what was going on, and so had the solicitor's clerk. It was suggested that these people had tried to effect a little blackmail dodge, but through a quarrel among themselves the whole squeeze play was brought to nothing. This, however, was never proved. Be it as it may, Patten was sent to prison for a long term, and McFarlane was never heard of any more. He is probably delinquent, and if he is not, he ought to be.

THE RAISER AND THE BOAT-RACE.

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PIRATICAL OUTRAGE NEAR MACAO.

JUNKS LOOTED AND A STEAM-LAUNCH SEIZED.

Since the good old days when piratical craft swarmed in the bays and waters of this colony, manned by desperadoes and villains of the deepest dye, who lived on the prey of their lawless and criminal enterprises—since the sixties when the American brig *Laurea*, the British bark *Coar*, the Danish brig *Carl*, and the German ship *Leimona* were seized by pirates (one of them close to Macao and the others within a few miles of Hongkong). It is doubtful whether there has been a more daring piratical attack perpetrated in Eastern seas than the outrage committed on Tuesday last by a gang of pirates close to Hongkong, about 3 miles south of Macao. From various sources we have gathered a good deal of reliable information about the affair which may be summarised as follows:

Three Hongkong registered passenger and cargo junks, of about 400 piculs capacity each, left this port bound for Macao on the 15th instant. They were named *Hai-mun-wo* and *Lai-loong*, and two of them, the *Man-wo* and *Lai-loong*, carried, in addition to a general cargo, upwards of thirty passengers each. All went well till about 6 p.m., but about 7 p.m. on the 15th the *Man-wo* was hailed by a white steam-launch when about half way between Kintu-sak Island and Mat-kok, to the southward of Lappa. The launch came alongside, flying the Chinese ensign, and manned by upwards of twenty men all of whom wore white straw hats, but although they asserted they were searchers in the employ of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and gave that as their reason for "haling up" the junk, none of them showed a licence or a commission. They boarded the junk and set to work to search her from stern to stern, ostensibly to see if she was carrying opium, firearms, salt or sulphur, but in reality, as it soon became apparent, to ascertain whether she was worth plundering. About four or five minutes sufficed to assure them that the game would be well worth the candle, so they promptly showed themselves in their true colours, seized and bound the captain and helmsman, fired a few shots to effectually scare passengers and crew, who, under pain of death, were to keep quiet while the pirates went clean through the vessel, carrying off \$500 in silver coin, women's hair ornaments, car-rings, and clothing, as well as seven rifles, two muskets, two pistols, and 200 cartridges. After finishing with the *Man-wo* the pirates made for the *Hai-mun*, which was sailing about a mile to the west of one of the Canton junks, the *Lai-loong*, then lying at anchor about half a mile off Mat-kok. They went through her in a few minutes, and got clear away with about two hundred dollars worth of booty and the whole making the difference of the watch believe that his was a *bande de* Customs launch. When the junk-men and their passengers got over their fright they consulted as to the best way of acting with a view to bringing the pirates to justice, and it decided that the *Man-wo* and *Hai-mun* should call at the Custom House at Lappa and there report the outrage while en route to Macao to inform the Portuguese and Chinese authorities. This course was adopted and the *Hai-mun* (No. 227) duly arrived here yesterday afternoon, when the skipper at once reported the affair to the Harbour-master and the Registrar-General, and subsequently to the police. To-day the *Hai-mun* turned up here, and the report of her crew and passengers tallies with the report made by the *Man-wo's* crew, with the addition that her skipper thinks it highly probable that other junks have been looted by the pirates.

From Macao we learn that the launch used by the pirates was named *Lima* and belonged to Macao, and that the desperadoes did not, as far as is at present known, murder any of the crews or passengers. The gang is said to be from 25 to 30 strong and it is thought that, as many of them spoke in the local fishermen's dialect, at least half of them were fishermen hired by hardened criminals for the occasion.

At first it was thought that the launch in question might be either a Customs or a Hongkong launch, but from inquiries made at the local office of the Customs we are in a position to state that such is not so.

The Portuguese, Canton and Hongkong police are on the trail of the pirates and it is anticipated that some of the gang will eventually be run to earth—if not in Macao or Hongkong, in the Ladrone or in some of the island fishing villages to the southward.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

HYDERABAD, April 20th.

Newab Mehdi Hassan, Home Secretary, against whom some thousands of copies of a scurrilous pamphlet were distributed here the other day, has gone to Lucknow, and in connection with the distribution of the pamphlets, the Nizam's Police is said to have been despatched to England to undo the mischief, if any, that has been done in England by these pamphlets, which are said to have been distributed there, even among members of Parliament and the Royal household.

Detective Inspector Stevenson has gone to Bombay to trace the press there, as the pamphlets bear the Bombay post-mark. But people here think that, if the statements in the pamphlets are correct, the Nizam's Police should have gone straight to the Resident and asked for an enquiry. Instead of that the Nizam's Police Hyderabad the next morning, and though now about one month has elapsed, has not made his appearance in Hyderabad since.

ALLAHABAD, April 20th.

No steps are likely to be taken regarding a successor to the fugitive Rajah of Sikkim until he has been questioned as to the reasons of his flight.

Cholera at Ponnore is reported of a most virulent type, nearly all the first seizures terminating fatally.

Cholera of a bad type has broken out in Nalini fall near Allahabad, but necessary measures to stamp out the epidemic are being taken.

There is some likelihood of delimitation being undertaken on the North-East Frontier of Afghanistan, but arrangements rest between London and St. Petersburg Foreign Office.

Several Indian officers will presumably be employed, if any commission is decided upon. The Mossamis, Akotais, and Madia Khel tribes have combined together to prevent Hashim Ali creating a disturbance in the Black Mountain.

The Government of India have consented to send troops under orders for Opat, either at once to confirm the tribesmen in their action.

LONDON, April 20th.

The Duke of Westminster made the Ormeau

has doubtless been poisoned; he is, however, progressing favourably and continues to be first favourite for the Derby.

MAY 3rd.

The *Times*, in commenting on the good progress made with Government measures, congratulates Mr. Balfour on having gained a complete hold of his followers in the House. The article adds that the date of the general election will depend largely on the attitude of the Opposition to Government business, and especially to the Irish Local Government Bill.

The death is announced of General Thomas Hooker Pearson, C.B.

MELBOURNE, May 3rd.

Deeming was quite callous on being sentenced to death, and declared in a rambling statement that he suffered from lapses of memory, and was oblivious of the murder with which he was charged. He further said that, in the event of his acquittal, he would have committed suicide.

LONDON, May 3rd.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in London from the Riviera yesterday. In connection with the canisters found outside the wall of Woolwich Arsenal, it is believed that no outrage was intended.

BOMBAY, May 4th.

The memorial to the Secretary of State for the Rajahli Tower-tragedy has been signed by 4,000 persons in 24 hours. The great enthusiasm prevails, and the signatures are being added to every day.

LONDON, May 4th.

Commissioner Johnston has telegraphed to the Government, reporting that the entire pacification of the Shirdi and Nyassa districts is now complete, and that Mr. King and a Parsee doctor wounded in the former fight have recovered.

His Majesty the Queen has returned to Windsor.

Mr. Loeffler, the horse dentist, who has examined Orme, is convinced that the horse has not been poisoned, but that the trouble is due to a decayed tooth, and is likely to recur before long.

WASHINGTON, May 4th.

The Treasury to-day purchased 420,000 ounces of silver at 87-30 to 87-45.

LONDON, May 5th.

At a meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce a resolution was passed that the bad state of trade being due to the violent fluctuations in silver, Government should be urged to promote an International Bi-metallic League.

Orme is now suffering from inflammation of the stomach, and his prospects for the Derby are vanishing.

LATER.

Orme is better. The Duke of Westminster repudiates the decayed-tooth theory, but says the method of poisoning is yet a mystery.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 5th.

The Committee of Ministers and others, which has been sitting here, reported in favour of permitting the export of malice and oats from the Baltic ports.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

British papers say there's arsenic in American apples.

Belgium exported last year \$5,400,000 worth of fire-arms.

Materna recently sang in Paris with her former effectiveness.

The clock tower of the Houses of Parliament is 320 feet high.

Chancellor von Coppel will meet Count Kalnoky at Carlsruhe.

London has a trade journal called the *Slack and Umbrella News*.

A Munich brewer recently built a beer-hall seating 5,000 persons.

England is closely watching the projected Jewish exodus from Russia.

There is an unbecoming breach in the Conservative party in Germany.

Australia is shipping only about 130,000 bushels of wheat to Europe weekly.

A monkey at the Paris circus has been trained to play a grand march on the violin.

Eight persons have been burned to death at Freiburg, in the Grand Duchy of Baden.

A London cable says the Bank of England reserve is now higher than ever before.

It is said that 4,000 ducats a year, on the average, are still fought in France.

It is said that peasants in Kieff, Russia, are selling their children for a few rubles prior to emigrating.

Swiss authorities are arranging for experiments with carrier pigeons in connection with the postal service.

A telephone talk between Paris and Brussels costs 20 cents. A third wire is about to be added to the circuit.

The German Government has decided to adopt the American Maxim gun, and has ordered 180 of them for use in the navy.

The Sultan of Morocco has directed that young girls shall no longer be publicly sold in the markets of Fez and other towns.

A collection of other treasures and household decorations, recently sold in Brussels, contained sixteen portraits of Louis.

A dispatch to the *London Chronicle* from Rome denies that the Vatican contemplates the creation of another American cardinal.

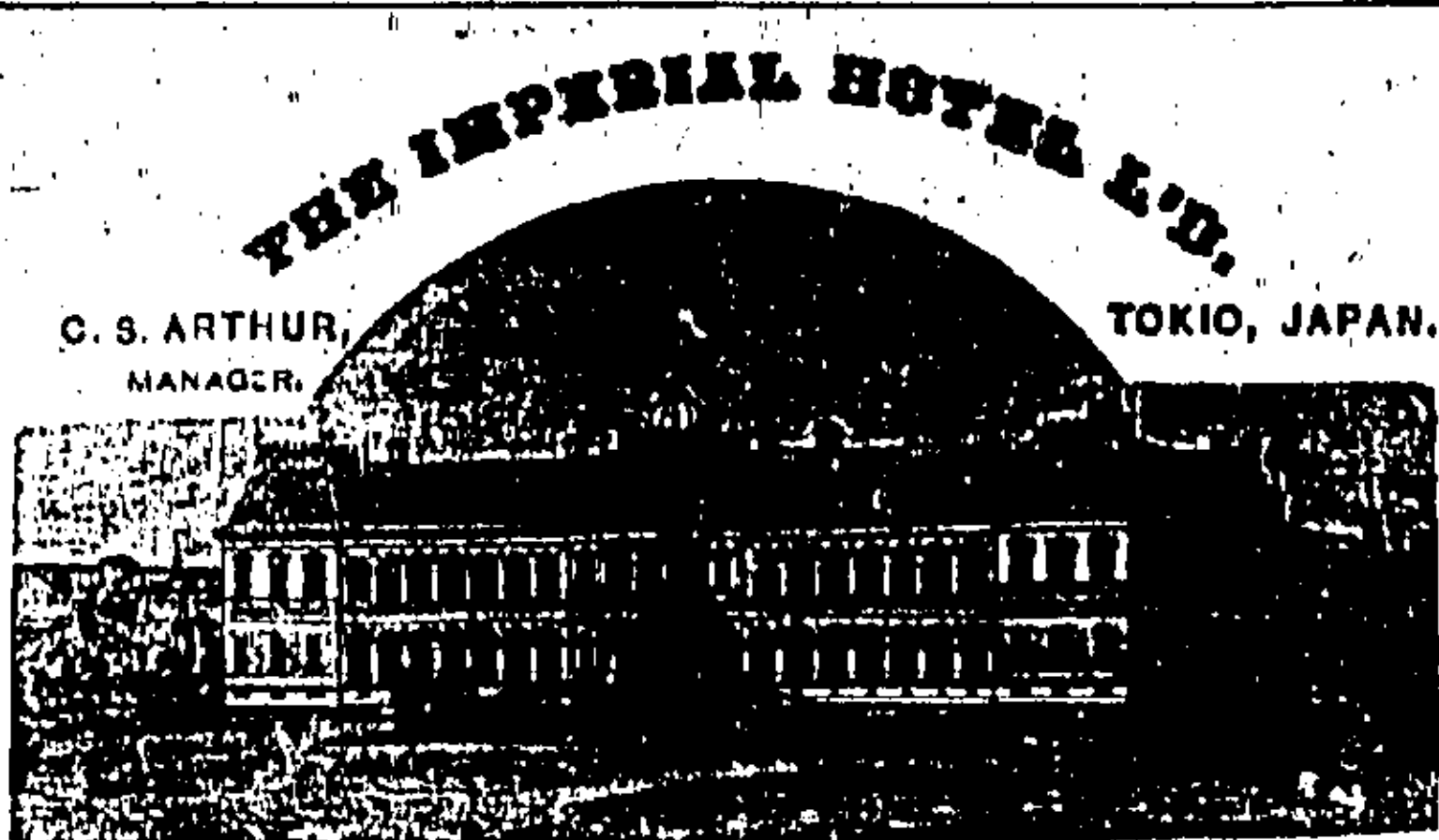
The military authorities of Austria are pushing a bill providing stringent measures to check the emigration of young men to America.

The National Steamship Company has notified London by March that it is about to abandon its Atlantic passenger service.

degree of Bachelor of Letters and Science in Bucharest.

The Russians have just had made two 118-ton guns for their Black Sea fleet. The English Admiralty seems to value its big 110-ton barker more as torpedo-throwers than as mere armor-piercing weapons.

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C. S. ARTHUR, Manager.

To-day's

Advertisements.

S. T. JOHN LODGE
OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 21st inst., at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [539]

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"NAMO,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARLICK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [548]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"ENERGIA,"
Captain Stokes, will be despatched as above at Daylight, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [513]

FOR KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE Steamship
"MACDUFF,"
Captain Porter, will be despatched as above at 5 P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [546]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain Davies, will be despatched as above at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [516]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GLAMORGANSHIRE,"

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAIT.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NEXT DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by **DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,** Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [516]

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Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [516]

To-day's

Advertisements.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
"BRECONSHIRE,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 21st inst., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [397]

THE MISSING LINK.

A FULLY-DEVELOPED SPECIMEN of the MICROCEPHALUS from Slam; Eleven years of age and still an infant.

Also
A magnificent ORANG-OUTANG from North Borneo.

Will be on Exhibition at Room No. 27, VICTORIA HOTEL, on MONDAY NEXT, the 23rd inst., from 10 to 12 A.M. and 2 to 6 P.M.

The most interesting Exhibition of Natural Curiosities ever seen in Hongkong.

Admission Fifty Cents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [543]

JUST ARRIVED IN HONGKONG.

THE CELEBRATED CHAMPION

SIAMESE

FOOTBALL PLAYERS,

(TICKET-SAVES).

THESE splendid performers have played with great success, before—

H. H. H. the King of Siam.

H. H. H. the Czar of Russia.

H. H. H. Prince Oscar of Sweden.

H. H. H. the Duke of Genoa.

H. H. H. the Duke of Mecklenburg.

And all other Scions of Royalty who have visited Slam.

WILL PLAY AT WEST POINT,

on

MONDAY NEXT, the 23rd inst.

Doors open at 4.30 P.M.

Commence at 5 P.M.

PRICE OF ADMISSION:

Chinese \$1.00

Second Class 0.50

Chinese 0.25

Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [534]

NOTICE.

TO all whom it may concern Notice is hereby given that Suits are pending in Hongkong in the SUPREME COURT of Hongkong and in Shanghai in Her British Majesty's SUPREME COURT for China and Japan, in which the Plaintiffs are—**Ng Chi Kin 伍次君**

Ng Pak Wan 伍伯賢 **Ng Heung Lun 伍香輪** **Ng Chi Yan 伍子允** **Ng Chung Man 伍仲文** and the Defendants in the Hongkong suit, are—**Ng Woon 伍雲** **伍垣** **Ng Chan Fong 吳秋芳** **Creasy, Evans and The China Land & Finance Company, Limited** and the Defendants in the Shanghai suit, are **Hiram Shaw Wilkinson** the said China Land and Finance Company, Limited, and **George Brown**.

The said Suits are brought to establish the claims of the Plaintiffs in Five-fifths of the said Suits, and to purchase any and all hereditaments and premises claimed by the said Plaintiffs as forming part of the said TRUST and lately in the possession of the late Firm of Russell & Co. are Registered in Hongkong as Inland Lots Nos. 83, 718, 720 and 721 and Marine Lots Nos. 202 and 203 and in Shanghai as Lots Nos. 14, 14A, 14B and 99 on the Register at the British Consulate, and Lots Nos. 44 (formerly known as Lots Nos. 22 and 22A) and 27 and 27A on the Register at the United States Consulate and the Plaintiffs have obtained an injunction in the said SUPREME COURT at Shanghai restraining the Defendants in the said Shanghai suit from dealing with or transferring the said Shanghai properties and are seeking to set aside an alleged Sale of the said Shanghai properties to the said China Land and Finance Company, Limited, and all persons are hereby warned against attempting to purchase any portion of the said hereditaments and premises claimed by the said Plaintiffs as forming part of the said HOWQUA TRUST and against lending any money upon the Security of any portion of the said premises without the consent of the Plaintiffs until the above mentioned Suits have been finally heard and determined.

DENNIS & MORRIS, Solicitors for the above named **NG CHI KIU, NG PAK WAN, NG HEUNG LUN, NG CHI YAU and NG CHUNG MAN**.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [537]

To-day's

Advertisements.

THE BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM.
No. 18, D'Agular Street, Hongkong.

MANUFACTURERS of every description of Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's, BOOTS AND SHOES.

UNDER EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN SUPERVISION. All Boots and Shoes are measured for and cut by experienced European Assistants.

BEST MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP.
PRICE MODERATE.
A trial order is respectfully solicited.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [545]

WASHING! WASHING! WASHING!

S. Z. Y. K.

WASHERMAN.

(SITUATED AT NO. 1, GOVERNMENT LAUNDRY.)
No. 1, Kennedy Road, Wanchai Gap, HONGKONG.

Promptitude and Cleanliness Guaranteed.

Orders can be sent to Mr. LAM ALING, "Hongkong Telegraph" Office.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [544]

To-day's

Advertisements.

THE SHAM BEN HOTEL.
BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors.

The Bedrooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Room, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experienced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Milk Liqueurs, etc., of the best quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM.

A. F. DO ROZARIO, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1182]

BAY VIEW HOTEL.

MR. OSBORNE, begs to remind the Public that every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY VIEW" occupies the best situation on the Shauki-wan Road, commands an excellent view of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool breezes from the Southwest. Steam-launches can at any time come alongside the jetty adjoining the hotel.

The Cuisine is unrivalled in Hongkong, and only the best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc., are kept in stock. Private Dinners or Parties prepared in First-class style on the shortest notice, and Meals can be served at all hours.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1892. [480]

To-day's

Advertisements.

JAY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LIMITED.

JAY'S WOOD PRESERVER OR ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special terms for Shipping and Large Orders.

St. Roberts, Rawlston, C.B., C.E. Civil Engineer, Engineer, Local Government Board, London, says—

"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. C. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1888. [9]

PIANOS, ORGANS, MUSIC, INSTRUMENTS AND FITTINGS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

HAVE now a tremendous Stock and can supply Customers with anything required.

The Largest Stock in the East. We buy, apply and can sell CHEAPER than any other dealer. Make enquiries before trying elsewhere.

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Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.
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"CHINA"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 2nd June, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From Hongkong, First-class.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimaux, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O., \$225.00

To Liverpool and London 325.00

To Paris and Bremen 345.00

To Havre and Hamburg 335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES, FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.

Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb. 285.00

St. Louis, Mo. 295.50

St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn. 295.50

Chicago, Ill. 295.50

Milwaukee, Wis. 295.50

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All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Service, to European Officers in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:—

4 months \$337.50

12 months \$393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers who have paid full fare re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and inland cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 7 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full value of same is required.

Consular invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [1]

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